

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

RILEY H. ALLEN

EDITOR

FRIDAY.....APRIL 21, 1916.

LOGIC OR GOOD FAITH AT FAULT.

It is no palliation for Germany's conduct of her submarine campaign to say that the Germans are driven to it by the British blockade.

The lengths to which the British are carrying their blockade, in their interference with neutral commerce, constitute international lawlessness and are repugnant to America, but do not justify Germany in killing neutrals and non-combatants.

To all the patient protests of the United States government the German reply has been that her submarine campaign was made necessary by British attempts to "starve Germany out."

Yet in the most notable official utterance coming from the Central Powers in all this war, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg said two weeks ago:

"The crop reports are unanimous in telling that the winter crops are good. Not since many years have the reports been as hopeful as they are now. The harvest of 1915 was the worst since many decades, nevertheless our stocks of bread and corn will not only be sufficient, but will leave a strong reserve with which to enter the new year."

Why, then, the renewal of the submarine campaign on March 11? Why the new order that all armed merchantmen of the Allies would be treated as warships, to be sunk without warning or provision for the safety of non-combatants or neutrals aboard? The chancellor declares it impossible to starve Germany out. He indicates that Germany has been carrying reserves of food for months.

Somewhere either logic or good faith is at fault, just as either logic or good faith is at fault when, after Berlin's repeated assurances, the German submarines continue acts in contravention of international law and the rights of humanity.

CARNIVAL BUSINESS.

President J. F. C. Hagens of the 1916 Mid-Pacific Carnival joins his predecessors in Carnival management in the declaration that the time has come when a permanent executive organization is needed.

Such former director-generals as J. D. Dougherty, Arthur F. Wall, Charles F. Olinworth, all of whom handled the annual fete after it had grown to large proportions, found that a permanent organization should be created to carry on from each year work of preparation for the next. Such an organization need be neither large nor expensive. A small, active committee of the board of directors might act as an advisory board in conjunction with a paid executive secretary. The secretary would wind up all the details of this year's event and then immediately begin work on next year's event, for there is always plenty to do in the off season.

The plan has been discussed frequently in these columns. Ever since 1911 and 1912 showed that the Carnivals were getting to be really big business enterprises, it has been pointed out that best results can be obtained only by securing a paid executive and retaining experienced board members who can make the work of a continuing character.

Nobody disagrees with the theory, but the activity to put it into effect has been lacking. It is high time action replaces theory. The new board of directors may well be guided by the invariable experiences of the past and the advice of the Carnival heads who have learned from the past.

PLOTS AND OTHER PLOTS.

Honolulu's brief but pleasantly sensational experience with so-called "war-plots" should lend additional interest to the latest of these conspiracies given publicity. Great Britain claims to have uncovered it, the claim being made as an answer to America's protest concerning the hold-up of the American steamer China off Shanghai and the forcible removal of 38 Germans and Austrians and one lonesome and apparently harmless Turk.

Now Great Britain says that her astute secret agents were justified in their convenient

ignoring of international law, by the fact that they were putting the kibosh on a plot in India. The captured men are supposed to have been concerned in the plot. It is also stated that Consul Franz Bopp, the German official at San Francisco, was a participant in the conspiracy.

Consul Bopp figured very prominently in print early this year. On February 8 he was indicted by a federal grand jury under the Sherman anti-trust law. He was charged with heading a conspiracy to cripple the output and shipment of munitions of war in the United States. While the grand jury was handing down the indictments it made a thorough job of it by finding 59 true bills, implicating many others besides Bopp. It was in this probe that the movements of the steamer Sacramento, formerly the German-owned steamer Alexandria, came under particular scrutiny. She was alleged to have supplied a German warship in the Pacific with coal taken from an American port.

Though Consul Bopp figured in the limelight of the press a good deal about that time, nothing was brought forward to connect him with a plot to start an Indian mutiny. A despatch from San Francisco yesterday quotes department of justice officials as saying they have no knowledge that Bopp was concerned in the Indian "plot." He must have been a very busy man with all these conspiracies.

Honolulu's own war-plot, concerning alleged recruiting of soldiers here for service with the British colors, has rather gone to sleep. It is supposed to be under investigation by the federal grand jury and a report is expected at an early date. The difficulties which a number of U. S. officers on the mainland have had in proving their cases against the slippery "plotters," shows that while there has been much smoke of a highly suspicious character, the fire has been hard to locate.

MAY END RAPID TRANSIT CONTROVERSY.

The details of the proposed arrangement to settle the Rapid Transit controversy are still too vague to admit of definite opinion as to its exact merits. If the territorial government and the Rapid Transit company have agreed or can agree, the public will be inclined to accept their plan. This is another matter of public business in which all possible delay should be overcome. As the plan develops, it should be submitted to the public and semipublic bodies for consideration and criticism.

The new charter plan, cutting through all the mess of old controversy and entanglement, should appeal from the standpoint of simplicity and rapidity. It's up to the public officials to see that the city gets a proper return for its franchise grant.

President Wilson was able to attend a baseball game in Washington yesterday. He tossed the first ball of the season upon the diamond. As a thirty-third degree baseball fan, he was quite entitled to forget the cares of state for an hour or so, and none of the ten million or so baseball enthusiasts in America will think the worse of him for it.

Once more the cartoonists will begin to draw funny pictures of the poor old Sultan of Turkey. After the Dardanelles "impasse" they had to quit it.

Once more it is in order to remark that sugar stocks are aviating. The novelty of this observation, however, has about worn off.

After reading Judge Stuart's decision, public officials will be more afraid than ever of spending their own money.

If it will do W. Shakespeare any good to know it, he's getting a lot of free advertising nowadays.

The Russians seem to have "muddled through" as far as France.

President Yuan has changed advisers—a trifle late.

Serbia and Belgium also need a few healthy Russians.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR HOLY WEEK

Prepared by Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

The topic of the Churches of Christ in America for united prayer throughout the land for Friday, April 21, is "Sacrifice and Service. The Cross and Its Glory."

That the gospel may be preached with simplicity and power; that Christ's unselfish love may set us on fire with His zeal to seek and to save the lost. That Christ may be lifted up to bring men to God; that the cross may become the principle of union and fellowship among all Christians.

and that all who confess His name may serve God and man in whole-hearted devotion. That in theological seminaries men of sterling ability may be multiplied, and that choice scholars in the spirit of Paul may give themselves to missionary service. That revivals of beneficence and personal devotion worthy of God and man should be sought for, and that all Christians may earnestly practise the gospel of the second mile.

John 1:29; 12:24, 32. 1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 6:14.

HIS LAST WEEK

Events in the Life of Christ During Holy Week.

Palm Sunday—The Day of Triumph. Monday—The Day of Authority. Tuesday—The Day of Controversy. Wednesday—The Day of Retirement.

Thursday—The Day of Fellowship. Friday—The Day of Suffering. Saturday—The Day of Silence and Sorrow. Easter Sunday—The Day of Resurrection.

FRIDAY THE DAY OF SUFFERING. The culmination of His whole life and teachings, "The Pivot of History," as Rev. L. L. Loofbourn called it at the Ad Club Wednesday, came with the tragic crucifixion of Christ on Calvary in Golgotha, on the Friday of what has since been termed by His followers Holy Week or Passion Week.

The agonizing prayers in Gethsemane Garden, the betrayal by the traitor Judas Iscariot, and the subsequent arrest, followed by the mock trials before Annas, Caiaphas, Herod and Pontius Pilate, in which the Divine Teacher angered his accusers and the rabble because no guilt could be found in Him, were not at all what His disciples of that day were looking forward to. This was not the kind of kingdom they were expecting and working for, and they were all sore troubled. Jesus alone knew that this was the bitter cup which He must drink for the world's atonement and redemption.

When the vote of the rabble that He be surrendered to them and crucified, instead of the murderous insurrectionist Barabbas, Christ flinched not but was ready.

But the strain of the previous days had been so heavy on His mind and heart; the thought of the fiendish kiss of betrayal; the jealousy and hate of the chief priests, their scribes, the Sadducees, and the Pharisees; the weakness of the Roman officials, and the brutality of the mob; and perhaps most of all the seeming ineffectiveness of His own three years' teaching and ministry among them, weighed so heavy that He faltered and stumbled when forced to carry the cross on which He was soon to be hanged.

The remorse of the impetuous Peter, who had thrice denied His Master as predicted, the knowledge of the bitter remorse of Judas Iscariot and his suicide, the sorrowing of those who lamented Him, and the sustaining thought that it was to bring about the salvation of the world, all gave Him strength at the end, as He went to the Great Sacrifice; to utter those heroic words: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

These are the facts that have led the whole Christian world to commemorate the day and call it Good Friday. It was the Pivot of History, yea, verily.

FINDS JAPANESE ON BIG ISLAND NOT STIRRED UP

Laborers on Hawaii do not appear to take the interest in the controversy on the wage scale for plantation labor they do on Maui. The newspapers are making much of the situation, but the conditions on the Big Island are entirely different from that on Maui, and the average laborer pays no attention to the wage question.

The Hawaii Shippo says that a prominent Japanese, who has recently returned from Hilo, reports that while Japanese newspapers are very active in their discussion of higher wages for sugar plantation laborers, the Japanese workers on the plantation seem to be more or less indifferent to the issue. This seeming indifference is explained by the fact that on the island of Hawaii the Japanese are engaged as cane contractors.

According to the theory of the visitor to Hilo, these old cane contractors stand in need of revision, for they were entered into at a time when the price of sugar was at best rock, whereas now prices have greatly advanced and prosperity prevails. He maintains that these contractors are not realizing the benefits or profits that they should be enjoying under the present conditions.

On the Big Island there are 10,000 acres under cultivation by contractors, between 80 and 90 per cent of these being Japanese. This great area, of course, represents a great deal when it comes to a difference of profits under present contracts and what would be realized under agreements revised to suit the times.

RATES FOR LIGHTS AND POWER MAY BE ADJUSTED

Rates to be paid by the Hilo Traction Company to the Hilo Electric Light Company for power may be settled tomorrow. If a transcript of the evidence taken at the hearing on the subject in Hilo, held a week ago today, comes in on the Mauna Kea tomorrow there will be a special meeting of the public utilities commission in the afternoon to settle the matter. Charles R. Forbes, chairman of the commission, has been hard at work all week investigating the different phases of the subject and expects to

NEWSPAPERS ARE BEST TEXT BOOK SAYS LECTURER

A stirring 10-minute talk was delivered by Inspector-General George Raymond of the territorial schools to the night school students of the Y. M. C. A. at their regular Thursday evening assembly last evening, on the subject of the use of educational facilities.

Mr. Raymond surprised his hearers by saying that he advocated the frequent use of newspapers by teachers in class-room instruction with particular reference to lessons on the intricacies of the alcohol habit. The dangers of alcohol is one of the subjects that all schools are requested by the National Educational Association to treat of in the regular curriculum, and Mr. Raymond stated that in his search for proper text-books on this subject he could find none to equal the stories that occur almost daily in the newspapers. He continued along this line by declaring that in his opinion few people read newspaper stories so as to get the best and the most of the lessons contained therein. He urged his hearers to develop a more thorough reading habit, and especially urged them to make more frequent use of the public library.

The health of the individual, with cooperation, coordination, and loyalty with one's fellow workers and employers the principal things a boy has to aim at in life, was the theme of the speaker.

BUILDING PERMITS

S. M. Damon, owner. Location, Moanalua. Social hall. Pacific Engineering Co., builders. Estimated cost, \$1500.

B. P. Bishop Estate, owners. Location, Kamehameha School for Girls. Sleeping porch. Pacific Engineering Co., builders. Estimated cost, \$850.

Alida W. Cormick, owner. Location, Palolo Hill, Ewa of Sierra avenue. Residence. A. R. G. McCormick, builder and architect. Estimated cost, \$2500.

get some new information on the proposed plant of the electric light company on tomorrow's boat. This will be presented at the meeting in the afternoon if it is held.

If You Should Inspect

the handsome Bungalow which we are offering for sale, situate on Wilhelmina Rise near Waialae Road you would admit that it offers good value for the price asked

\$3400.00

Guardian Trust Co., Ltd.

Telephone 3688.

Stangenwald Building

Merchant Street

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN.

McGREW—In Honolulu, April 20, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Reynold B. McGrew of 2729 Umanu avenue, a daughter.

MEDEIROS—In Honolulu, April 15, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel E. Medeiros, Jr., of 1919 Wilder avenue, a daughter—Rose Angela.

SANO—In Honolulu, April 15, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Junji Sano of Lele lane, off North King street, Palama, a son—Tsuneji.

LEONG—In Honolulu, April 7, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Leong Ben of River, near Beretania street, a daughter—Yee.

WONG—In Honolulu, March 25, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Wong Hong Tai of Nuyana, near Vineyard street, a daughter—Ah Lin.

CHANG—In Honolulu, March 17, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Chang Hoy of Kamanuval lane, off Beretania street, a daughter—Wai Ang.

DIED.

MOKUMALAI—At the Queen's hospital at 5 o'clock, April 20, Mrs. Kamaka of Moanalua, of blood poisoning. She was the mother of J. K. Moakama, Solomon Mokumala, Okapu Mokumala, Mrs. Julia Maanui and Mrs. Hattie Lemm.

CAMARA—In Honolulu, April 19, 1916, George, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Camara of 1117 Gulick avenue, Kalihi, one year, 10 months and 28 days old.

MARRIED.

YAMADA-NISHIMURA—In Honolulu, April 20, 1916, Y. Yamada and Miss Fannie Nishimura, Rev. Samuel K. Kamaiopili, assistant pastor of the Kaimakapili church, Palama, officiating; witnesses—Mr. and Mrs. K. Nakabayashi.

FENTON-ALSPAUGH—In Honolulu, April 20, 1916, Harvey E. Fenton and Miss Ida F. Alspaugh, Rev. Leon L. Loofbourn, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating; witnesses—Robert Jameson and Miss Emma Simpson.

Printing for the branches of the United States government cost \$7,111, 075 last year.

ROYAL
BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure
Made from
Grape Cream of Tartar
NO ALUM

MARRIAGES

With Rev. L. L. Loofbourn officiating, Harvey E. Fenton and Miss Ida E. Alspaugh were married last evening in the parlors of the Pleasanton hotel. The witnesses were Robert Jameson and Miss Emma Simpson. Mrs. Fenton was matron of the Girls' Industrial School for two years. After a brief honeymoon, the couple will make their home in Honolulu.

Staten Island schoolboys have organized a troop of cavalry, in which they will receive training to fit them for admission to the reserve forces of the army in time of need.

Establishment by the state of a belt line railroad connecting the city's railroad terminals, at a cost of 10,000,000 was recommended by the Boston Special Terminal Commission as a solution to the freight congestion problem.

Inexpensive Summer Home at the Beach; Furnished--- for \$1200

Furnished 5-room house on a large lot near the 'Coral Gardens' at Kaneohe. Short distance from the water's edge. A comfortable home for the summer at the beach, all ready to step into and enjoy. One hour ride from city by motor via Pali. Price \$1200. Telephone 3477.

TRENT TRUST CO. LTD.

Serving, Protecting, Enduring.

\$30.00

will buy a 15-jewel, 14-kt. Bracelet Watch. A new assortment just arrived.

VIEIRA JEWELRY CO., 113 Hotel Street

ROYAL GROVE

LOT 50x120 FEET—MUST BE SOLD AT ONCE

A fine piece of property at a very attractive price, uniquely situated—being bounded on two sides by the Aiehaue Estate. No noise, no dust; convenient to the beach and car line.

\$1275

Two Fine Lots in Kaimuki For Sale AT A BARGAIN

Good view and elevation, very convenient to school and carline. Fronting 150 feet on Waialae Road.

\$1050

Henry Waterhouse Trust Co., Ltd.

Stocks, Bonds, Real Estate, Insurance.

Phone 1208

LETTERS

PROPOSED CHARTER.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: Can you inform a reader of your paper where he can secure a printed copy of the proposed new charter for the city of Honolulu, lately prepared by a commission? Has it

been printed in pamphlet form yet?

QUERY.

(No printed copies of the final draft were made for general distribution, but two copies were sent to the secretary of the territory and other copies are in possession of W. J. Coelho, clerk of the charter convention, now at the territorial land office.—Editor.)

Six acres of the property formerly belonging to the Cooke and Bishop

estates, and located on the Walkiki side of South street, between Queen and Halekaula, has been purchased by the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company and will be improved for use by the railway. The area will be used largely for storage purposes.

Gov. McCall of Massachusetts signed the bill referring to the people at the November election the question of making January 1 a legal holiday.